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BRUSSELS FOR USEC
GENEVA FOR PHELAN
FROM SMITH

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: TEXTILES: NEXT TEXTILES COMMITTEE MEETING

1. BY SEPTTEL YOU WILL BE RECEIVING FULL REPORT ON RECENT
TOKYO TRILATERAL. SUBJECT OF THIS MESSAGE IS SCHEDULING OF
NEXT TEXTILES COMMITTEE MEETING.

2. THE THREE DELEGATIONS ASSUME A) THAT LONG IS UNDER LDC
PRESSURE TO HOLD A TC MEETING AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE AND B)
ONE OF THE KEY ITEMS THE LDC EXPORTERS WOULD WANT TO DIS-
CUSS IN A TC MEETING IS THE EC BILATERALS.

3. THE THREE DELEGATIONS AGREED, FOR VARYING REASONS,
THAT AN OCTOBER TC MEETING WOULD BE DESIRABLE. HOWEVER,
AS REPORTED BY SEPTTEL, IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY EC WOULD
FORMALLY SUBMIT ITS BILATERALS TO TSB BEFORE END OF
OCTOBER AT BEST, AND MORE LIKELY WELL INTO NOVEMBER.
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THEREFORE, THE EC BILATERALS CANNOT BE DISCUSSED AT A TC
MEETING IN OCTOBER AS THEY WILL NOT HAVE EVEN BEEN
FORMALLY RECEIVED BY AND REVIEWED BY TSB BEFORE THEN AND
THUS, THE AGENDA FOR ANY TC OCTOBER MEETING WOULD BE PRE-
SUMABLY LIMITED.

4. AGAINST THE ABOVE BACKGROUND, YOU CAN TELL THAT, IF

HE STILL THINKS AN EARLY TC MEETING IS NECESSARY, A) U.S. WOULD PREPARED PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A TC MEETING DURING THE LATTER HALF OF OCTOBER; AND B) WE ASSUME AGENDA FOR SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE TIGHTLY CONTROLLED, I.E., MATTERS NOT YET BROUGHT BEFORE TSB WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE IN ORDER.

5. THERE IS A CERTAIN INCONSISTENCY IN HOLDING WHAT WE BELIEVE WOULD BE A NON-SUBSTANTIVE OCTOBER TC MEETING WHEN THERE EVENTUALLY WILL BE THE NEED FOR A TRULY SUBSTANTIVE TC MEETING AS SOON AS THE EC (AN PRESUMABLY NORDIC) BILATERALS HAVE GONE THROUGH TSB REVIEW. BUT IT WOULD CLEARLY BE IMPRACTICAL TO SCHEDULE A TC MEETING ANYTIME BETWEEN MID-NOVEMBER AND THE NEW YEAR BECAUSE OF THE MTN. IT NOW LOOKS TO US AS THOUGH THE SUBSTANTIVE TC MEETING WILL HAVE TO BE HELD IN JANUARY. MOREOVER, THE TRILATERAL DELEGATIONS AGREED IT WAS PROBABLY NECESSARY TO LET THE LDC EXPORTING COUNTRIES LET OFF SOME STEAM, BUT QUOTE NOT TOO MUCH QUOTE AS TRAN SAID. HENCE, A TRILATERAL WILLINGNESS TO GO ALONG WITH AN OCTOBER TC MEETING'

6. WE ASSUME, BASED ON TRAN'S AND KOBAYASHI'S STATEMENTS, THAT EC AND JAPAN WILL MAKE SIMILAR REPRESENTATIONS TO LONG PER PARA 4 ABOVE.

7. PARA 4 FIRST LINE ABOVE SHOULD READ "YOU CAN TELL OLIVIER LONG THAT ..." ETC. UNGER
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